

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Judge Thompson's Reply to Governor Stubbs.

Took Senatorial Question Up Seven Weeks Ago.

VOTE AS THE PEOPLE SAY

Legislators Should Elect Senator as per Instruction.

Other Replies to Query Sent Out by Governor.

In his reply to Governor Stubbs' query as to whether he will join the United States senatorial candidates in a request that all candidates for the legislature sign a statement pledging themselves to vote for the candidates receiving the most votes at the primary, Judge W. H. Thompson of Garfield county, says he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Curtis seat. He declares in his reply to the Stubbs telegram that he had taken this matter up with the Democratic candidates for the legislature more than seven weeks ago. Further, that he wants the Democratic candidates to pledge themselves to vote for the candidate receiving the most votes at the primary, August primary, regardless of politics, so that the people indeed may rule. Judge Thompson asks Stubbs if he would be willing to endorse this brand new plan of people rule.

The Thompson idea embraces the possibility of a Democratic legislature and a Republican candidate for the senate receiving the most votes at the primary. Then the Democrats in the legislature are pledged to vote for the Republican candidate because he received the largest direct vote of the people. And in case of a Republican legislature and a Democrat high vote on senator at the primary, the Republicans must vote for the Democrat who had the heaviest endorsement of the people.

Either one of these complex conditions may result from the senatorial primary. The Republicans have two candidates and the Democrats three. A walkover for one Democrat and an even break among the three Democrats put the Republican legislature in the hole, or more likely still, an even break between the three Democrats and a large majority for the Democrats would put the Democratic legislature in the hole. Judge Thompson, in his reply to the Stubbs proposal to go on record as favoring the election of United States senator in Kansas this year by direct vote of the people, making the legislative endorsement a mere formality, is as follows:

Hon. W. R. Stubbs, Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Governor—Answering your night lettergram of the 25th, will say, I had already, more than seven weeks ago, taken up the matter of requesting all Democratic candidates for the legislature to sign "statement No. 1," pledging themselves to vote for that candidate for United States senator receiving the highest number of votes, regardless of political affiliations, in a circular letter dated April 4, 1912, containing the following statement:

"Permit me to suggest, that to secure the full benefit of our new modified Oregon plan in the senatorial fight this fall, the Democrats must request each Democratic candidate for state representative and senator to subscribe to 'statement No. 1' (see Chap. 132, laws 1911) on his nomination papers, providing that he shall support the senatorial candidate, regardless of politics, receiving the high-

est popular vote at the November election. This will force the Republican candidates to do likewise, or cause their defeat."

This certainly makes clear that should I be the Democratic candidate I am perfectly willing to abide by the decision of the people, and that I am anxious that no oversight or mistake shall deny the people of Kansas the privilege of naming the next United States senator.

Since you have raised the question, permit me to ask, if you should be the Republican candidate whether you are also willing to do likewise, regardless of whether or not the candidates for the legislature sign and file public statements pledging themselves to vote for the candidate receiving the highest popular vote?

Very respectfully,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Following is the text of the telegram Stubbs sent to all senatorial candidates:

"With a view to giving the people of Kansas an opportunity to have an effective direct vote for the election of United States senators this year, I am asking all candidates for the United States senate in this state, without regard to party, to join me in a request to all candidates for the state legislature, both in the house and in the senate, to sign and file public statements pledging themselves that they will, if elected to the legislature, vote for that candidate for the United States senate who receives the largest number of votes in the entire state at the coming November election, regardless of his political affiliations."

"W. R. STUBBS."

The law provides that a candidate for the legislature may declare himself as willing to carry out the will of the people in the matter of the nomination and election of U. S. senator, but that he is not compelled to do so.

Governor Stubbs has heard from all of the senatorial candidates of both parties in regard to his proposition except Senator Curtis. He favored the method for twenty years. Glad to have you join me in this request."

All the candidates for the legislature from both parties in Shawnee county, except N. B. Burge, who is a candidate for the state senate, are willing to accept the verdict of the people.

IS SHOT 100 TIMES.

A Negro Is Lynched in Tennessee for the Usual Crime.

Nashville, Tenn., May 27.—Jake Samuels, a negro, charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Walter Ramsey, wife of a Robertson county farmer, Saturday night, was taken from officers early Sunday morning by a mob and riddled with bullets.

Ramsey left his wife and two small children at home alone Saturday night to go to Oxford, one mile away, for provisions. On the way he met the negro, Samuels.

Knowing that Mrs. Ramsey was alone, it is surmised, the negro went directly to the Ramsey home and attacked Mrs. Ramsey. She was dragged from her bed into the yard and when the negro fled, she walked half a mile to give the alarm.

Having been arrested and identified as the assailant, Samuels was taken from the officers, carried into a field and shot a hundred times.

WHY HE FAILED

Holland Reviews Morgan Shuster's Record in Persia.

Financially His Work There Was a Success.

DID HIS WORK TOO WELL

Aroused Jealousies of Great Britain and Russia.

What He Has Done in South America.

New York, May 27.—A few days before Morgan Shuster, in the spring of last year sailed for Persia to undertake the financial reorganization of the kingdom one of the great financiers of this country said: "It is a colossal task that Mr. Shuster has undertaken. If there were no political complications his work would be easier. The chances are that the better his work as a financial reorganizer the more likely he is to arouse dangerous political opposition. But he can be assured of one thing: If he shows in Persia that he is competent to deal with the financial chaos there and to bring order out of confusion he will have abundant opportunities for important financial association in the United States should foreign politics compel him to abandon his work there."

Mr. Shuster must have known that careful scrutiny was given by financial leaders, both of this country and of Europe, to the plans which he formulated for the reorganizing of Persia. This scrutiny was not to his disadvantage. Although he failed to accomplish what he had undertaken to do in Persia, his own financial record there was not a financial one, but was due entirely to the jealousies of other nations, probably Great Britain and Russia.

The official announcement made last week that Mr. Shuster was speedily to go to South America as a representative of the National City bank of New York, has shown when in Persia. The opportunity was magnificent, and although he failed in Persia he has gained in the United States probably more than he lost when he was in Persia as the treasurer general of the kingdom.

Mr. Shuster's visit to South America, which will certainly be of a year's duration and possibly will be longer, is of consequence from another than a personal point of view. The visit represents the determination of some of the leading financial authorities of the United States to take advantage of some of the opportunities which South America offers. The intimate business friends of Mr. James Stillman, formerly president of the National City bank and now chairman of the board, have long known that he regards South America as offering greater opportunities to the capital of the United States than can be found in any other country. He is reported to be of the opinion that these opportunities will not be realized by any sudden or hustling methods. To obtain the confidence and trade of the greater republics of South America, involves, probably, at least ten years' training by the representatives of American capital. They must learn to speak the language. They must become familiar with the business as well as the social customs of the people. They must learn the art

of very high courtesy and politeness and they must know how to possess their souls in patience.

Banks in South America. Another factor of the problem is one which involves the establishment of banking institutions controlled by United States capital in the more important South American cities. The late William R. Grace, who established the leading American house which has commercial relations with South America, a house which now operates a large fleet of steamers between this country and South America, used to say that our business with South America would be very greatly facilitated if there were established in the larger cities banks controlled by United States capital. These would facilitate the buying of foreign exchange. They would steady prices of exchange. They would furnish commercial accommodations to the merchants and to the farmers of South America.

Presumably it is with intent to learn where and how American banking facilities may best be established in South America that Mr. Shuster is about to spend at least a year on that continent as a representative of the National City bank. Presumably, also, the certainty of the opening of the Panama canal to navigation in about two years' time and the knowledge that the canal will carry a very great European commerce, as well as that of the United States, have had something to do with the departure of Mr. Shuster upon this highly important business.

All Over the World. Mr. Shuster's business in South America is in line with the great advances which American capital has been making in the world. In this sense we have become a real world power. This morning information was received on very high authority that William R. Grace, who has received within the past four or five months several offers from leading banking interests, both national and foreign, to take over the management of one of them he would be sure of not only a large yearly income, but, in addition, in case he were to associate himself with private bankers, of taking his proportionate share of the profits. He has not as yet accepted any of these offers for he regards the work which he is now doing in China as an obligation which must be kept until the work is finished. Although only thirty-two years of age he is now a representative in China for what is called the "A. S. G. group." That is a syndicate of financiers of this country who are prepared to invest many millions in China, both in the way of private construction and in agricultural, industrial and mineral undertakings. This group represents financial co-operation between the private bankers of this country and the National City bank. This is the first time that the power of American participation in the great loan to China which is now under consideration.

Within the next year or two it will probably be made known that many millions of American capital have been invested both in national and in private construction and in agricultural nature in Russia. This is exclusive of the great industry already established there by the International private company and by one of the American electric companies.

Vice President Kilbourn of the National City bank is now in Russia for the purpose of careful investigation into the construction of the railway which has been made by Russia. This may mean that within the course of a year or so the National City bank group will be making very large propositions in Russia.

Very likely before the summer is ended the official announcement will be made that the National City bank group has contracted to finance the construction of the railroad which is now planned to build from Madrid, Spain, to the boundary line of France, approaching that boundary by means of a tunnel under the Pyrenees mountains. This railway proposition is sponsored so far as scientific features are concerned by one of the leading American engineers, Jno. P. Stevens, formerly the consulting engineer for the Panama canal. The venture of American capital in Spain, if it be made, will involve about sixty million dollars.

Sir William Van Horne, with American capital, is continuing his investment in Cuban railway and agricultural propositions. In the past year Sir William Van Horne's company cleared up a large tract of land in eastern Cuba. This was planted to sugar cane. Today information was received from Cuba that the harvest recently garnered shows a net profit of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Nearly a year the United States has been financing some of the needs of Germany and there have been recent indications that these transactions from having been merely temporary, as was said when they began, will be continued for some time to come. There are intimations that some of the surplus money which the United States has invested through the Chicago banks is now being sent to Germany.

HOLLAND.

TO FREE PRISONERS.

Parole Board Will Meet at Leavenworth This Week.

Leavenworth, Kan., May 27.—Chairman Ladlow of the board of paroles of federal prisons has announced he will convene the board here this week. Applications of two hundred prisoners for parole, among them ten members of the "barkers' colony" will be taken up. The bankers whose applications will be considered are: Paul C. Gall, M. Emerich, O. E. Cochran and N. R. Marker, Indianapolis; G. H. Osborne, Columbus, Ohio; Will F. Wood, San Antonio, Texas; J. S. Gierahowski, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. E. Billingsley, Guthrie, Okla.; W. R. Allen and E. T. Cook, Paris, Texas.

WHEN LOYALTY IS DUE

Colonel Roosevelt Discusses His Relations to the Republican Party.

New York May 27.—This campaign has been a fight by the rank and file against the bosses. It is a progressive who are the real Republicans, because it is we who are standing along with the rank and file. The popular primaries have shown that the Republican voters do not want anyone else to govern them; they want to govern themselves. It is the opening paragraph in the editorial by Theodore Roosevelt, which appears in the current issue of The Outlook.

"The party is not made up of the bosses or the party workers alone; it is made up of all the voters of the party," the editorial says.

"Every party has to have its leaders. The true party leader is the man who tries to lead and not drive the voters, and to put into effect their deliberation. He has the right and duty to go before the voters and try to persuade them, but he has no right, by trickery or violence, to try to impose his own will upon them against theirs. The man who tries to impose his will upon the voters, who tries to do things against the will of the voters—he is a boss."

"In this campaign we have shown that whenever the people have a chance to express themselves they have no use for bosses. Even states, including Ohio, have allowed the voters of the party to express their wishes. Out of 324 delegates elected at these primaries, the most that Mr. Taft could secure with the help of party organization and patronage, and with the bosses on his side, amounts only to 48."

Party Loyalty. "The only state where Mr. Taft has secured his real victories are the states where the party is in the control, not of the people, but of the bosses. That shows clearly on which side in this issue Mr. Taft stands."

"That shows that this is a straight issue between the bosses on the one side, and the people on the other side. When, in the face of that fact, Mr. Taft says in spite of this vote that he expects the Chicago convention to be under the control of the 'friends of constitutional government,' it is clearly a declaration of war against the 'friends.' All that this means is that the convention which will make the presidential nomination would have to defy the will of the voters, and would have to override the people's will."

"Those who want special privilege very well know what their friends are. They are afraid to make alliance with the bosses. This is what they mean when they talk about being 'friends of constitutional government.' The way to break the power of the boss on whom it depends."

"It has been said by my opponents that what I am standing for is treason to the party. When they speak of the party they mean the bosses and their manipulators who have so often manipulated the party machinery. I decline to recognize the bosses as embodying in their own persons the party. They are not the party. They are making up their rank and file as they go along. It is to them that my loyalty is due."

"When I say, therefore, that no Republican should be called upon to surrender to the irresponsible action of party bosses, I am showing my loyalty to the people. No loyalty is due to the bosses or to the manipulators of the party. The only loyalty I acknowledge is loyalty to the rank and file, loyalty to the people."

HONOR THE VETERANS

Services in Their Honor Held in Many Churches.

The old soldiers of the Civil war were honored at many of the Topeka churches Sunday. Ministers recounted deeds of patriotism and paid the veterans a high tribute for their valor. At the Walnut Grove Methodist church to hear the Rev. N. K. Miller, commander of Topeka post, No. 71.

"It is not only a war and great sacrifice to perpetuate the nation, but it cost self restraint," he said. "No nation continues to enjoy liberty that is not characterized by self restraint. Many nations have made great efforts for freedom and because of a lack of self restraint have failed to permanently establish their freedom. The nations of the world are now astonished when the soldiers of the Civil war returned from their successes on the battlefield and engaged in the peaceful pursuits of life and love of home and the highest good of the country."

Members of Blue post, No. 256, G. A. R., and the Women's Relief Corps, attended the Kansas Avenue M. E. church in body. They were welcomed by the pupils of the Sunday school who formed two lines from the church door into the street and sang America as the veterans and their wives passed between the lines. The Rev. J. W. Waldron preached a special sermon to the old soldiers and was presented with a parchment making him a near comrade by J. W. Priddy, representing the Blue post.

Dr. Charles M. Sheldon preached a special sermon for the old soldiers Sunday morning at the Central Church. He spoke of "True Patriotism."

The Rev. O. T. Deever spoke of "Two Patriotisms" at the First United Brethren church. He illustrated with a flag. One flag bore the "Stars and Stripes" and the other the inscription "In This Sign I Conquer."

Special services were conducted at the Euclid Avenue M. E. church; at the Westminster Presbyterian church by the Rev. Ralph Ward; at a union meeting of the churches of Oakland by the Rev. J. H. Hazel; at the Central Park Christian church by the

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Rev. Ralph C. Harding, at the Unitarian church by the Rev. J. H. Jones, and at the Seward Avenue M. E. church by the Rev. A. S. Clark.

HELP HUMANITY.

Keynote of Doctor Estey's Sermon to High School Graduates.

"Let your ambition in life be to help humanity." This advice was given to 81 seniors of the high school Sunday night at the First Presbyterian church on Euclid avenue near East Nineteenth street today. The sermon originated from defective wiring in a garage where automobiles worth \$360,000 were destroyed. It is expected that \$25,000 in jewelry stock will be recovered from the ruins.

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Chicago, May 27.—William Lorimer, Jr., son of United States Senator Lorimer, has declared that his father will not give up his seat in the senate without a struggle.

Denial of a rumor that Senator Lorimer's resignation had been taken back to Washington by Vice President Sherman also was made by Mr. Lorimer, Jr.

Senator Lorimer personally announced that he would go to Washington within two or three days if his physical condition becomes no worse.

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